

EIPP MAY BE JUST FOR YOU

Are you pregnant or have a new baby?

Are you stressed?

Are you in a relationship with a person who physically hurts or threatens you?

Are you six or more months pregnant and have been unable to get prenatal care?

Are you homeless?

Do you smoke?

Do you have Hepatitis B?

Do you have a history of depression?

Have you given birth to a baby weighing less than 4 lbs.?

Do you use alcohol or other drugs?

Do you have difficulty finding adequate food, clothing or housing?

WHERE TO FIND AN EIPP?

Early Intervention Partnerships Programs (EIPP) are located at

- The Guidance Center in Somerville
- Cerebral Palsy of Eastern MA in Lynn
- Thom Anne Sullivan Center in Lowell
- People, Inc. in Fall River
- Kennedy Donovan Center in New Bedford
- Community Health Link/Lipton in Leominster
- Kennedy Donovan Center in Southbridge
- Thom Infant Toddler Services in Springfield



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Early Intervention Partnerships Program (EIPP) *Pregnancy and Newborn Support for Pregnant Women and New Mothers*



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WHAT IS EIPP?

The **Early Intervention Partnerships Program (EIPP)** is a home visiting program for pregnant women and new mothers. Each home visiting team is made up of a:

- **Nurse**
- **Counselor**
- **Community Health Worker**

The team will also have nutrition and breastfeeding consultants available.

The purpose of EIPP is to link pregnant women, new mothers, and their families to services that help prevent or reduce injury, illness and links them to special education.

Pregnant women and new mothers with infants up to one year of age may be eligible for EIPP.

EIPP Infants and children up to one year of age who are **not** eligible for Early Intervention can receive follow up services and periodic screenings.

EIPP SERVICES

Home visitors meet with each participating family to set goals. The goals become part of a **Family Care Plan**.

Each Family Care Plan identifies services such as health education and referrals for:

- Health Insurance
- Health Care
- Childbirth Education
- Breastfeeding
- Nutritional Services
- Parent Support Groups
- Family Planning
- Safety
- Child Care
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse Services

FAMILY CHOICE

EIPP provides:

- A **Comprehensive Health Assessment** of pregnant women, mothers, infants and their families
- **Health Education and Counseling**
- **Connections** with appropriate health care and human services and resources

Families receive services locally. All services are selected by the family. Families can stay in EIPP until the child's first birthday.

EIPP can

- Reduce isolation
- Build social supports for families
- Educate parents
- Maintain parent-child groups
- Link to other family activities in town

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